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Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 174-5 Thereunder

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING	10/01/04 AND E AND E	NDING 09/30/05 MM/DD/YY
A. RE	GISTRANT IDENTIFICATION	
NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: BENCHMA	ARK INVESTMENTS, INC.	OFFICIAL USE ONLY
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BU	SINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)	FIRM I.D. NO.
509 MAIN ST.		·
	(No. and Street)	
ARKADELPHIA, AR 71923		
(City)	(State)	(Zip Code)
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF P TED V. HUNEYCUTT, JR. (870)24		
		(Area Code – Telephone Number
B. ACC	COUNTANT IDENTIFICATION	
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT	whose opinion is contained in this Repo	ort*
TAYLOR, RODGERS & TURNER, PLLO		
	(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle r	ame)
305 PROFESSIONAL PARK DRIVE, A	ARKADELPHIA, AR 71923	
(Address)	(City)	(State) (Zip Code)
CHECK ONE:		
Certified Public Accountant		
☐ Public Accountant	i	PROCESSEU
☐ Accountant not resident in Un	ited States or any of its possessions.	Q JAN 2 3 2006
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*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See Section 240.17a-5(e)(2)

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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, TED V. HUNEYCUTT, JR.	, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of
my knowledge and belief the accompanying f BENCHMARK INVESTMENTS, INC.	Financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of
of SEPTEMBER 30	, 20 05 are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that
neither the company nor any partner, proprie	etor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account
classified solely as that of a customer, except	
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Christma Buras	
Notary Public	
This report ** contains (check all applicable	boxes):
X (a) Facing Page.	
(b) Statement of Financial Condition.	
(c) Statement of Income (Loss). (d) Statement of Changes in Financial C	ondition
	rs' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietors' Capital.
(f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities S	Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
(g) Computation of Net Capital.(h) Computation for Determination of R	Description and Description Delta 15-2-2
	eserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3. on or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
	ate explanation of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the
	e Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
(k) A Reconciliation between the audited consolidation.	d and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of
(i) An Oath or Affirmation.	
(m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Re	
(n) A report describing any material inade	equacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

^{**} For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

BENCHMARK INVESTMENTS, INC.

ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

BENCHMARK INVESTMENTS, INC. ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors and Stockholders Benchmark Investments, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Benchmark Investments, Inc. as of September 30, 2005, and the related statement of income, changes in stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of Benchmark Investments, Inc.'s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The Company presents its financial statements in conformity with practices prescribed or permitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission and Form X-17A-5.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Benchmark Investments, Inc. as of September 30, 2005, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

November 18, 2005

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BENCHMARK INVESTMENTS, INC. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

EXHIBIT A Page 2

ASSETS

			ı	NON-		
	ALI	OWABLE	ALL	OWABLE	<u></u> T	OTAL
Cash - Regions Bank Mesirow Clearing Deposit	\$	25,825 52,376	\$	• -	\$	25,825 52,376
Receivables From Brokers -						
Mesirow Financial		5,034		-		5,034
R. J. O'Brien		15,952		18,575		34,527
Accrued Commissions Receivable		-		22,465		22,465
Furniture and Fixtures (Net of Depreciation)		-		-		-
Other Assets		-		462		462
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	99,187	\$	41,502	\$	140,689
LIABILITIES AND STOC	КНО	LDERS' EQ	UITY	,		
LIABILITIES: Accounts Payable	\$	24,888	\$		_\$_	24,888
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY: Common Stock, No Par Value, 1,000 Shares Authorized 100 Shares Issued and Outstanding Additional Paid in Capital Retained Earnings TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	,					1,000 155,245 (40,444) 115,801
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUIT	Y				\$	140,689

BENCHMARK INVESTMENTS, INC. STATEMENT OF INCOME FOR YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

EXHIBIT B Page 3

REVENUES:		
Commissions	\$ 256,435	
Commodities Brokerage Fees	46,092	
Interest Income	2,041	
Other	5,547_	
TOTAL REVENUES		\$ 310,115
EXPENSES:		
Salaries	51,828	
Advertising	6,448	
Depreciation	800	
Legal and Professional	4,110	
Insurance	6,641	
Dues and Subscriptions	3,024	
Clearing Charges	38,646	
Consulting Fees	35,953	
Management Fees	13,600	
Employee Benefits	1,581	
Quotes	20,759	
Regulatory Fees	5,113	
Commodity and Stock Commissions	79,838	
Travel and Entertainment	2,939	
Interest	399	
Utilities and Telephone	9,392	
Taxes and Licenses	8,577	
Office Expense	4,503	
TOTAL EXPENSES		294,151
NET INCOME		\$ 15,964

BENCHMARK INVESTMENTS, INC. STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY FOR YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

EXHIBIT C Page 4

	MMON FOCK	PAID IN CAPITAL	ETAINED ARNINGS	 TOTAL
BALANCE, OCTOBER 1	\$ 1,000	\$ 155,245	\$ (46,408)	\$ 109,837
ADD: Net Income	-	-	15,964	15,964
LESS: Dividends Paid	-	-	(10,000)	(10,000)
BALANCE, SEPTEMBER 30	\$ 1,000	\$ 155,245	\$ (40,444)	\$ 115,801

BENCHMARK INVESTMENTS, INC. STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

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CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Cash Received from Customers	\$ 295,480
Cash Paid to Suppliers and Employees	(271,800)
Interest Received	1,642
NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	25,322
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: None	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Other Assets	962
Dividends Paid	 (10,000)
NET CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(9,038)
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	16,284
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	61,917
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	\$ 78,201

BENCHMARK INVESTMENTS, INC. STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

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Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities:

NET INCOME	 15,964
ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Depreciation	800
Change in Assets and Liabilities: Accounts Receivable	(12,993)
Accounts Payable	 21,551
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	9,358
NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ 25,322

SCHEDULE OF NONCASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES:

None

BENCHMARK INVESTMENTS, INC. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Furniture and Fixtures are stated on the basis of cost, and depreciation for financial and income tax reporting purposes is provided on the straight-line and other accelerated methods as follows:

Furniture & Fixtures - 5 Years

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Company considers all highly liquid debt instruments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

Note 2. Exemption from Rule 15c3-3:

The Company is exempt from the Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c-3-3 under section (k)(2)(ii) and, therefore, is not required to maintain a "Special Reserve Bank Account for the Exclusive Benefit of Customers".

Note 3. Allowable and Non-Allowable Assets and Liabilities:

As required by Form X-175A-5 the Company's statement of financial condition reports both allowable and non-allowable assets and liabilities. The \$41,502 of non-allowable assets consists of \$5,000 R J. O'Brien deposit, \$1,514 interest earned on the deposit, \$12,061 R. J. O'Brien receivable over 30 days, \$22,465 accrued commissions receivable, and \$462 in other assets. There are no non-allowable liabilities at September 30, 2005.

Note 4. Off-Balance-Sheet Risk and Concentration of Credit Risk:

Pursuant to a clearing agreement, the Company introduces all of its securities transactions to its clearing broker on a fully disclosed basis. Therefore, all of the customers' money balances and long and short security positions are carried on the books of the clearing broker. Under certain conditions, as defined in the clearing agreement, the Company has agreed to indemnify the clearing broker for losses, if any, which the clearing broker may sustain from carrying securities transactions introduced by the Company. In accordance with industry practice and regulatory requirements, the Company and the clearing broker monitor collateral on the securities transactions introduced by the Company.

Note 5. Related Party Transaction:

The Company shares office space, furniture and fixtures and certain employees with Benchmark Mortgage Company, Inc. which is controlled by shareholders of the Company. The Company did not pay any rent for office space. The furniture and fixtures were purchased from stockholder Ted Huneycutt, Jr.

BENCHMARK INVESTMENTS, INC. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

Note 6. Provision For Income Taxes:

Provision for Income Taxes consists of the following:

Federal Income Tax	\$ 2,405
Arkansas Income Tax	 493
	2,898
Less Tax Benefit From NOL	
Carryforward From	
Previous Years	 (2,898)
Total	\$ -

The Company has \$30,111 in NOL carryforward available for future years as follows:

9/30/00 NOL of \$21,271 Expires 9/30/14 9/30/02 NOL of \$ 8,840 Expires 9/30/16

Note 7. Other:

On January 1, 2001, the Company entered into an agreement with STL Capital Management Corporation in which STL agrees to pay all overhead and operating expenses, other than commission expense, of Benchmark Investments, Inc. without anticipated reimbursement from Benchmark. Also STL may also provide management and/or consulting services for Benchmark and bill Benchmark for those services, but at no time may any charge for such services cause Benchmark's net capital to fall below 120% of its required amount.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17a-5 FOR A BROKER-DEALER CLAIMING AN EXEMPTION FROM SEC RULE 15c3-3

Board of Directors and Stockholders Benchmark Investments, Inc.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedules of Benchmark Investments, Inc. for the year ended September 30, 2005, we considered its internal control structure, including procedures for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company including tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

- 1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons.
- 2. Recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13.
- 3. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of an internal control structure and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure or the practices and procedures referred to above, errors or irregularities may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

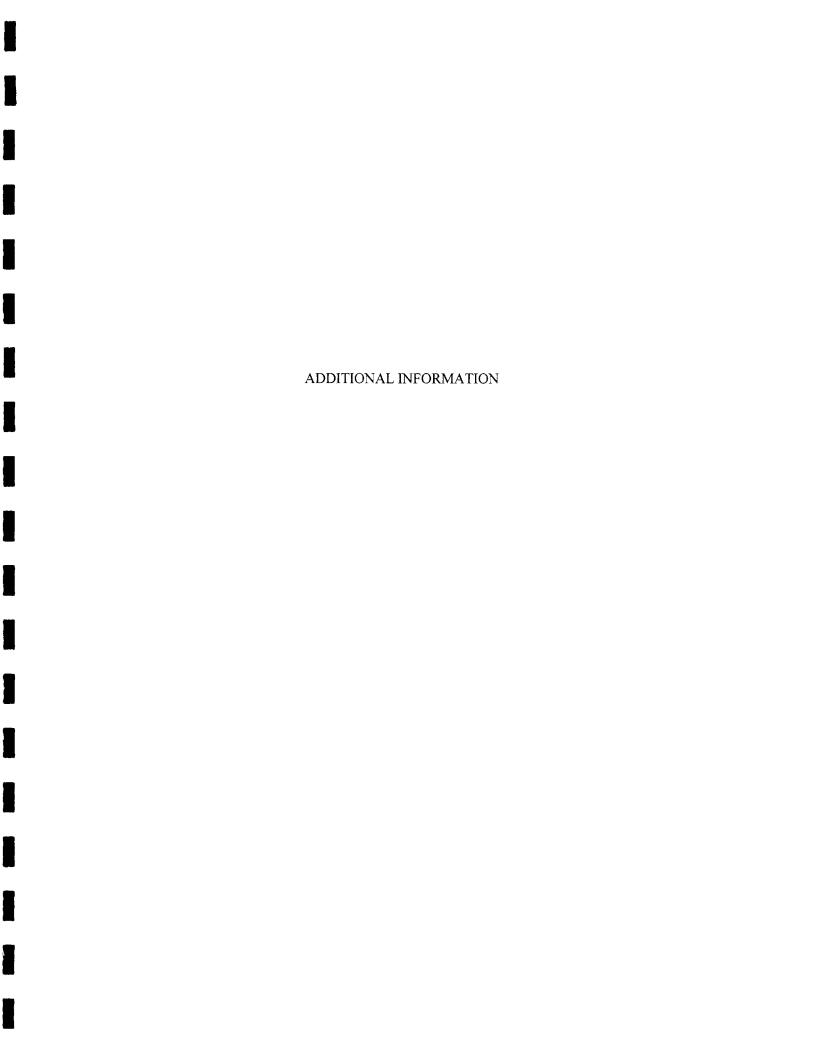
Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving the internal control structure, including procedures for safeguarding securities that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at September 30, 2005, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors, management, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and other regulatory agencies that rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and should not be used for any other purpose.

November 18, 2005

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION REQUIRED BY RULE 17a-5 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Board of Directors and Stockholders Benchmark Investments, Inc.

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We have audited the financial statements of Benchmark Investments, Inc. as of September 30, 2005, and for the fiscal year then ended, and have issued our report thereon dated November 18, 2005. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in the accompanying supplementary schedule is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is information required by Rule 17a-5 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

November 18, 2005

BENCHMARK INVESTMENTS, INC. COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

SCHEDULE I Page 12

CAPITAL AND SUBORDINATED LIABILITIES: Stockholders' Equity from Statement of Condition	\$ 115,801
Less: Equity not Allowable for Net Capital	-
Add: Liabilities Subordinated to General Creditors	-
TOTAL CAPITAL AND SUBORDINATED LIABILITIES	115,801
DEDUCTIONS: Non-Allowable Assets from Statement of Condition	41,502
NET CAPITAL	\$ 74,299

No material differences existed between the audited computation of Net Capital and the Broker Dealer's Corresponding Unaudited Part II of Form X-17A05.

BENCHMARK INVESTMENTS, INC. COMPUTATION OF BASIC NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

SCHEDULE II

SEI TEMBER 30, 2003	
Minimum Net Capital Required (6.666% of Total Liabilities)	\$ 1,659
Minimum Dollar Net Capital Requirement	\$ 5,000
Net Capital Requirement (Greater of the Above)	\$ 5,000
Excess Capital (\$74,299 less \$5,000)	\$ 69,299
Excess Net Capital (Net Capital Less 10% of Total Liabilities)	\$ 71,810

BENCHMARK INVESTMENTS, INC. SCHEDULE OF ADDITIONAL PAID IN CAPITAL SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

SCHEDULE III Page 13

Additional Capital Paid in on	
August 13, 1999 by Ted Huneycutt, Jr.	\$ 145,140
Additional Carital Daid in an	
Additional Capital Paid in on	10.105
October 16, 1999 by Ted Huneycutt, Jr.	10,105
	 155515
TOTAL ADDITIONAL PAID IN CAPITAL	\$ 155,245

BENCHMARK INVESTMENTS, INC. SCHEDULE OF FURNITURE AND FIXTURES SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

SCHEDULE IV

ITEM	COST		PRIOR DEPRECIATION		CURRENT DEPRECIATION	
7 Dell Computer Systems	\$	10,500	\$	9,896	\$	604
2 Copiers		1,500		1,414		86
2 Desks and Chairs		1,910		1,800		110
	\$	13,910	\$	13,110	\$	800